

What is claimed is:

1           1. In combination, a plurality of disks including a first disk and a second disk  
2     stacked upon said first disk, and a powder disposed between said first disk and said  
3     second disk.

1           2. The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said first disk and said second  
2     disk are each comprised of glass or glass-ceramic.

1           3. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder spaces said first  
2     disk from said second disk.

1           4. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is comprised of an  
2     inorganic material.

1           5. The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is  
2     calcium carbonate.

1           6. The combination recited in claim 4, wherein said inorganic material is  
2     selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium  
3     carbonate, calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium  
4     oxide, magnesium phosphate, and clay.

1           7. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder is a mineral  
2 powder.

1           8. The combination recited in claim 2, wherein said powder has a size of about  
2 200 mesh.

1           9. The combination recited in claim 1, wherein said first disk is spaced apart  
2 from said second disk by only said powder.

1           10. A method of preparing a disk, comprising:  
2 providing at least a first disk and a second disk;  
3 stacking the first disk on the second disk; and  
4 providing a powder between a surface of the first disk and a surface of the  
5 second disk.

1           11. The method recited in claim 10, wherein said providing a powder utilizes  
2 the powder to space the surface of the first disk from the surface of the second disk.

1           12. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising unstacking the first disk  
2 from the second disk utilizing the powder as a separation aid.

1           13. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising unstacking the first disk  
2     from the second disk, and polishing the surface of the first disk and the surface of the  
3     second disk using a slurry, the powder being selected so as to not affect a pH of the  
4     slurry.

1           14. The method recited in claim 13, wherein said polishing at least partially  
2     removes the powder from the surface of the first disk and from the surface of the  
3     second disk.

1           15. The method recited in claim 14, wherein said polishing includes dispersing  
2     the powder in the slurry to remove the powder from the surface of the first disk and  
3     from the surface of the second disk.

1           16. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising transporting the first  
2     disk and the second disk; and using the powder to protect the first disk and the second  
3     disk during said transporting.

1           17. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the first disk and the second disk  
2     are each comprised of glass.

1           18. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the powder comprises an  
2     inorganic powder.

1           19. The method recited in claim 10, wherein the powder is comprised of  
2   calcium carbonate.

1           20. The method recited in claim 10, further comprising selecting the powder  
2   from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium magnesium carbonate,  
3   calcium phosphate, magnesium carbonate, magnesium borate, magnesium oxide,  
4   magnesium phosphate, and clay.